



# Landcare

## October/November 2010 NEWSLETTER:

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

<http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au>



## Recycling for Recovery – “Ovens & Kiewa Landscape Restoration Project”



In the aftermath of the 2009 Victorian fires, about 3000 properties were cleared by contractors, with 11,650 tonnes of steel recycled. The funds raised from the sale of the recovered steel (approximately \$1.5 million), is now being returned to fire-affected communities as part of the “Recycling for Recovery” Program. We are pleased to announce that North East Victoria has received \$113,000 to assist with environmental works. The “Ovens & Kiewa Landscape Restoration” Project will be managed by Mudgegonga & District Landcare Group, and will involve a number of Landcare Groups. Stay tuned for further information on project activities and opportunities.

## Baranduda Landcare Projects



Congratulations to Baranduda Landcare Group on receiving Second Generation funding (\$27,000) for their Biolinks Protection and Enhancement Work Project. Funds will be used for invasive weed control in three key areas. The Group also continues to forge strong community partnerships. In September, Landcare members met with Albury Wodonga Mountain Bikers and undertook a joint inspection of a potential down-hill mountain bike trail in the Baranduda Parklands Estate. Together with Parklands Albury Wodonga, the groups are working together to determine how the proposed trail can be undertaken in an environmentally sustainable manner.

*Joint field day with Albury Wodonga Mountain Bikers to inspect potential bike trail 19/9/10*



**For more information on the Junior Landcare Sunflower Challenge go to:**

<http://juniorlandcarechallenge.com/Sunflower/Home.htm> Registrations close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

## Subgroup Events: All welcome to any of the subgroup meetings, activities or projects.

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### BARANDUDA:

#### **Wildflower walk & Awareness Day BBQ : Wod-Yack Walking track**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Meet 10.30am at CFA fire shed. This is your chance to learn more about native plants and animals and fire management planning.

Baranduda Landcare, Wodonga Council and CFA representatives will be participating and will be available to answer questions.

**For catering purposes, please [RSVP Glen Johnson by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October](#)**

Phone: 02 6020 8667 email: [baranduda@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:baranduda@landcarevic.net.au)

**Birding with Bernie Datson:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 8.30am-10.30am. Meet at Baranduda Community Centre. Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October if raining.

**Xmas Break Up:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30pm–8.30pm. Jamieson Parkland, Meat and Veggie burgers provided. BYO chairs, drinks, salads & nibbles to share. For catering purposes, please **RSVP** Glen Johnson by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Native Seed Collection:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 8.00am, Meet at Barton Drive, Seeds will be collected from locally important plants for propagation.

For detailed information on Baranduda Landcare events; go to <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda/events>

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### KERGUNYAH:

#### **4 Wheel Drive Native Vegetation Discovery Day & Picnic lunch:** Mt Murra

Sat. 23rd October, 10.00am–3.00pm. Meet at corner of Simpson Rd & Kiewa Valley Hwy  
If you don't have a 4WD, we can arrange a ride with other participants.

A picnic lunch will be provided, please bring your own thermos (hot water) for a cuppa  
In the event of rain, we will postpone to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**RSVP essential:** Belinda Pearce 02 6027 5294 [abanas@bigpond.com](mailto:abanas@bigpond.com) by **Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.**

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### UPPER KIEWA:

**Upper Kiewa Annual General Meeting:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 12 noon, 336 Mullagong Road, Upper Gundowring (Pat Smart's place). Free BBQ lunch and bring something extra to share. We are seeking nominations for Upper Kiewa President & Secretary, as both Pat Smart and Judith Samways will be stepping down in October. If you're interested, please give Pat Smart a call on 02 6028 9007.

**Friends of the Gully Junction Creek.** We are excited that the Landmate Crew will be working at the gully for five days from Monday 25th October. If you can provide a morning or afternoon tea for the crew on one of these days, or help out with the BBQ at lunchtime, please call Pat Smart on 02 6028 9007.

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### YACKANDANDAH:

**Meeting:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at YCEN. Our guest speakers, will be Emma Nilsson a Community Liaison/Waterwatch Facilitator with NE Catchment Management Authority and Bernadette Cudars, the Waterwatch Volunteer for Yackandandah Creek, who will discuss the Waterwatch program and the Yack Creek. They will provide results from the monitoring, and information on the future direction of the Yack Creek project. All welcome.

**Working Bee:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am-12noon at Yack Creek, our last for the year

**End of year function:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Our last function for the year will be a social get together at Brian.& Robyn Lane's. BBQ supplied. Bring a salad or sweet to

share, chairs, eating & drinking utensils BYO drink etc.

Please RSVP for all events (and for further details) to Jos McAlister 02 6027 1816 email: [mcalistertojo@live.com](mailto:mcalistertojo@live.com)

## Mt Beauty Primary School Students involved in Landcare Revegetation Project



In August, Years 3 and 5 students from Mt Beauty Primary school assisted with a Landcare Revegetation project at Upper Gundowring. For many students, this was their first experience of tree planting. The students rose to the challenge, planting 500 trees in under two hours! They also had the opportunity to learn about the importance of biodiversity and protecting remnant vegetation.

A big thank-you to Upper Kiewa Landcare members who lent a helping hand on the day, and to Pat Smart for providing us with a hearty lunch. In 2010, Kiewa Landcare Group has supported projects in Baranduda, Tawonga, Yackandandah, Osbornes Flat and Kergunyah. If you would like to register your interest in undertaking environmental works on your property, contact Belinda Pearce, 02 6027 5294, [abanas@bigpond.com](mailto:abanas@bigpond.com).

## “Community Action Grant” Earthworm Project Update

We are still awaiting our first delivery of earthworms from Northern Tasmania. Conditions in Tassie have not been conducive to harvesting earthworms (too cold and wet). Given the recent heavy rainfall in the North East, this may have been a useful delay, as most earthworm species don't like waterlogged soils.

## Victorian floods – Clean Up and Restoration Grants for Primary Producers

A grant of up to \$15,000, is available to eligible primary producers who have suffered direct damage as a result of the September floods. Primary producers must have suffered direct damage, which may include repairs or clean up associated with damage to farm buildings, crops, pasture, stock, fencing, plant and equipment. All claims for assistance are assessed on an individual basis and the grant does not cover clean-up work covered by insurance. Applications close on 31 March 2011. Grant guidelines and application forms are available from Rural Finance. [www.ruralfinance.com.au](http://www.ruralfinance.com.au) - click on link: “Victorian Floods September 2010” or phone 03 5448 2600

## Landcare Community Service Announcement - “Donate yourself to Landcare”



The first ever Victorian Landcare community service announcement is now finished and has been released to the media.

You can view the finished product by going to: <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/news/landcarecsa>

The one-minute advertisement is designed to encourage people to volunteer for Landcare, and has been developed in partnership with the Volunteer Recruitment Initiative, DSE, Landcare Australia and local groups and volunteers.

## Next Kiewa Catchment Landcare Executive Meeting

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at Brian Lanes**

If you have any items that you would like included on the agenda, please forward these to the secretary, Tony McAlister, 02 6027 1816 –[mcalistertojo@live.com](mailto:mcalistertojo@live.com)



**Landcare always needs members!**

**Please pass this newsletter and membership form to a person who may be interested in joining.**

## Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group Contact List:

<b>President</b>	Peter Serpell	02 6028 9356	<b>Vice President</b>	Brian Lane	02 6027 1433
<b>Secretary</b>	Tony McAlister	02 6027 1816	<b>Treasurer</b>	Julie Pearce	02 6027 5286
<b>Group Contacts:</b>					
<b>Baranduda</b>	Glen Johnson	02 6020 8667	<b>Kiewa-Bonegilla</b>	Mat Ley	02 6027 3262
<b>Upper Kiewa</b>	Pat Smart	02 6028 9007	<b>Kergunyah</b>	Rowan Wallace	02 6027 5227
<b>Leneva</b>	Ken Proctor	02 6024 6964	<b>Yackandandah</b>	Jos McAlister	02 6027 1816
<b>Equipment hire:</b> Drills and spray units					
<b>Brian Lane</b>	02 6027 1433	<b>Peter Serpell</b>	02 6028 9356	<b>Rod Mitchell</b>	02 6027 5155
<b>Project Management &amp; Newsletter:</b> Belinda Pearce    02 6027 5294    abanas@bigpond.com					

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

**Do you need to renew your membership? Please check the expiry date on your membership card.**

Incorporating Baranduda, Kiewa-Bonegilla, Kergunyah, Leneva, Upper Kiewa & Yackandandah subgroups

The executive Committee has set the subscription at \$15.00 per year. (a family is one membership).

Consider subscribing for more than one year to reduce postage costs. Better still, consider electronic mail if you are renewing your subscription (and your details are the same). Simply forward a cheque to the Membership Secretary, or pay by direct credit.

Bank Account details: Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups,  
Commonwealth Bank Wodonga

**BSB:** 063-534

**Account Number:** 902483

**Please include your surname and initials as a reference**

NAME _____	
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SUBSCRIPTION:    ___ 1 yr \$15.00    ___ 2yrs \$30.00    ___ 3yrs \$45.00    ___ Other x \$15.00	
SUBGROUP:    ___ Barandudua    ___ Leneva    ___ Kiewa-Bonegilla    ___ Kergunyah    ___ Upper Kiewa    ___ Yackandandah	
SIGNATURE _____	Number of people covered by this membership _____
Please make cheques payable to: Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups, and post with this form to: "The Membership Secretary", 8 Barlow Lane, Bruarong Vic. 3749    email: <a href="mailto:mcalistertojo@live.com">mcalistertojo@live.com</a>	

If you have any items for inclusion in our next newsletter, please send to Belinda by **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.